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# Second Part

Of the Impartial

## SECRET HISTORY OF

*Arlus, Fortunatus, & Odolphus,*

*N* Ministers of State

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Empress of *GRAND-INSULA*.

In which are Discover'd,  
The True and Just Causes of the Removal of  
*Arlus*, And Justice is done to the Character of *Fortunatus*  
and *Odolphus*; and They prov'd to have discharg'd Their  
Trusts with Equal Honour, Honesty, and Success.

Humbly offered to those Good People of *Grand-Insula*, who  
love their Country, and are not biggotted to a Party.

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*Quid Romæ faciam? Mentiri nescio, Librum  
Si malus est, nequeo Laudare* —

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# The Impartial Secret History, &c.

**T**IS now about 108 Years since Jago Vulpecius King of Thistellania succeeded to the whole Empire of Grandinsula; He had a great deal more of the Fox than the Lion; tho' he carried the latter for his Ensign; but he cover'd his natural Want of Courage under a studied Affectation of Peace, and made up by Ausonian Politicks what he wanted of Albanian Prowess. Having been interrupted in his design of setting up a despotical Sway over the rugged Boars of the North, he fancied he should more easily accomplish his End over the pamper'd Leopards of the South. He had a mighty Itch to be mending the Law and Gospel, and to have both of 'em modell'd to his own Pal-lar. He knew the readiest way to effect this was to get all the Governors of Eglisia and Leguleia at his Beck, in which he made a great Progress, but now and then met with some Rubbs in his Way by the stubborn Gerontes of Legislatia. To surmount this Obstacle, he kept a secret Correspondence with the Grand Musti of Aufonia, and by his means hop'd to effect a Match betwixt his Son the Prince of Grand-Insula, and the Daughter of the Emperor of Boetica. To accomplish this, he made great Advances to reconcile his Subjects of Eglisia with those of the Musti of Aufonia, but the Match with Boetica having miscarried; he obtain'd the Promise of another with Ludovisia, much on the same Terms. His Design in all this was to procure a powerful Alliance with some of the greatest Despots of Continentia, that he might by their Assistance overcome the Gerontes of Legislatia, and obtain an absolute Empire over Grand-Insula, but just as he was upon the Brink of Enjoyment,

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his unlucky Stars sent him out of the World by the Application of a certain Cataplasim that seldom fails in its Operation. 'Twas mightily suspected that some who got most by his Death, were not very careful to preserve his Life, and thus he made his Exit.

His Son Obstinato Bigottus, who had no less Inclination to the Constitution of Turcomania than himself pursued the Plan, express'd an open Contempt of the Gerontes of Legislatia, and being sure of the Governors of Eglisia, who were then in Confederacy with the Inhabitants of Ausonia, he made no doubt of Establishing an absolute Dominion in Grand-Insula. The greatest stop in his way was the Stubborness of the Gerontes, who being tired out of Mind possi'd of a Share in the Government of the Country, and absolute Masters of the Purse, would contribute nothing towards his Enterprize, being irreconcilable Enemies to a despotical Power, and the Religion of Ausonia, which Obstinato Bigottus was oblig'd to favour, by the Engagement he was under to the Musti, and his Marriage contract with the Princess of Ludovisia.

The Emperor of Grand-Insula being thus contradicted by the Gerontes of Legislatia, invaded their Province, raised Money without their Consent, and being likewise assisted by the Purse of Eglisia, resolv'd first to establish his sovereign and absolute Empire over Thistellania, but the stiff-necked Inhabitants of that Country took Arms, stood on their Defence, and brought Bigottus to reason. This animated the People of Rosacia the Southern, and by far the most valuable part of Grand-Insula, to insist likewise upon a Redress of their Grievances, which being obstinately refus'd by means of the Leaders of Eglisia and their Friends of Ausonia, supported by the Authority and Intrigues of the Emprers, a Daughter of Ludovisia, a Rupture ensued betwixt the Emperor of Grand-Insula and his Gerontes of Legislatia, who, tho' worsted by him at first, did by the Assistance of the Albanians, prove too hard for him at last; of which a prevailing party in the Army, rais'd by the Gerontes, taking the Advantage, they invaded both him and

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their Patrons, and having dissolv'd the latter, cut off Bigottus's Head.

After a Government by the Sword, under the Conduct of an Usurper for 10 Years, and about two more of Anarchy, Don Carlo Physcon, eldest Son to Bigottus, succeeded, with almost the universal Consent of the people of Grand-Insula, who had great Expectations from him, in which they were unhappily disappointed; for he brought home with him, tho' he dissembled it, the Religion of Ausonia, and the Politicks of Ludovisia, but being too cunning, or wanting Courage, to practise them himself, he left that to the Management of his Brother Don Diego Idololatro, with the Assistance and Advice of the High-flying Priests of Ausonia and Eglefia. In the mean time the Emperor Don Carlo santer'd away his Time betwixt his Misses and his Cups, while Don Diego mounted the Back of Eglefia, and rode full speed towards Ausonia.

The two Royal Brothers being warn'd by their Father's deplorable Fate not to come to a Rupture with the Geron-tes, till they were in a Condition to act without them, they took the safer way of buying them off with Bribes, by which they had well nigh establish'd a despotical Government over Grand-Insula: But their Cash running low, and not being able to satisfy all the craving Appetites, which haunted them every Day, they resolv'd on a new Way of Management, which was to make Application to the Emperor of Ludovisia, and the Musri of Ausonia, to supply them with Money, in order to introduce the Politicks of the one, and the Religion of the other. Don Diego being of a warmer Complexion, and more zealous than his Brother, the Ausonians grew impatient to have him on the Throne, and for that End conspir'd with him to cut off the Emperor, who in truth lov'd his Pleasures more than any Religion whatever; and an easy Life rather than he wou'd venture to be forc'd to travel a second time, as his Brother brought himself afterwards to do by his precipitant Conduct. This Plot being discover'd, the Inhabitants of Grand-Insula took the Alarm, and the Emperor, tho' acquainted with every part of the Plot, but that against his own Life, seem'd



seem'd to be rous'd so as to recover his Senses, and to leave the Enquiry into the Plot, to the Care of the Gerontes.

This put Don Diego with his Ausonian and Eglisian Friends into a terrible Fright; so that for some time he was sent out of Grand-Insula, more to save him from Danger than to do the Nation Justice. The Gerontes in the mean time knowing him to be irreconcilable to their Religion and Liberties, endeavour'd to exclude him from the Succession, but in vain; for the Emperor would not hear of it, and the Leaders of Eglisia alledging it to be inconsistent with their Principles, influenc'd their blind Followers so far as to baffle that Design.

Don Diego and his Friends having escaped this Danger, he found means by assistance of the Furiosos of Eglisia to turn the Plot upon the Psilopatrians, to whom they gave the reproachful Name of Levellers, and falsely appropriated that of Loyalists to themselves.

Matters being thus prepared, the Emperor was laid asleep by an Ausonian Potion, and Don Diego Idololatro mounted the Throne; he mightily caress'd his Friends of Eglisia, who were weak enough to believe him, and to concur with him in all his Measures, while he persecuted their Brethren of Geneviaca, and nothing was heard of betwixt them but the greatest Endearments. Thus things continued a while, but the Emperor's Ausonian Friends growing impatient for a Share of the rich Possessions of Eglisia, and thinking themselves intitled to all the principal Posts of Grand-Insula, they put him upon such Measures as disobligh'd those of Eglisia, upon which their Leaders forgetting their former Doctrine of Non-resistance and Passive-Obedience, they oppos'd the Emperor to his Face.

In order to strengthen himself against them, he delivered their Brethren of Geneviaca from their Persecution, but with a Design publicly to introduce the worship of Ausonia, which was against Law, on pretence of setting all his Subjects on an equal footing as to liberty of Religion. The better to effect this, he erected a high Commission, compos'd chiefly of the Furiosos of Eglisia, in order to turn out, and punish such as wou'd not comply with his Measures.

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And that all he was doing might have a shadow of Law, he resolved to have the Gerontes wholly compos'd of his own Creatures: To this end he compleated the Overthrow of the Constitution which his Brother had begun, disfranchis'd all the Ciudades of Grand-Insula, and reduced their Metropolis to a Village, that he might have the returning Officers all in his own power; and to perpetuate the Ausonian Religion, and Ludovisian Politics, his Empress an Ausonian by Birth and Religion, trump'd up a counterfeit Male-Heir, on purpose to disinherit the Emperor's two daughters, and their posterity, because they were zealous for the true Religion of Eglisia, and had a perfect abhorrence for that of Ausonia.

Matters being brought to this Extremity, and the Biggots of Eglisia, finding that their elder Brethren of Ausonia, had by far the greatest share of the Emperor's Favour, they cut the Throat of Nulla Resistentia, alledged she was a spurious Bastard, and not the true Off-spring of Eglisia, but a Cheat paum'd upon them by those of Ausonia. In the next place they made Application to the Prince of Auromalia, who had marry'd the eldest Daughter of the Emperor of Grand-Insula, and humbly intreated him to take Arms in Defence of his Lady's Title, and that of her Sister, after whom the Reversion was in himself. The Generous Prince comply'd with their Request, came with an Army to Grand-Insula, and had so much success, that the People in general revolted from Idololatro, who was forc'd to fly to Ludovisia, having sent his Empress with his Counterfeit Son Don Diego Imposstore thither before him.

This, Sir, is a short but true account of the Reason why one half of our Grandfathers and Fathers Buckl'd on their Rusty Armour against one another from time to time, and by the way 'tis proper to observe, that in all those Turns the Rapparees of Eglisia, who usurp'd the Title of Loyalists, took part with the despotical Emperors, against the Gerontes, the Religion, the Laws and Liberties of Grand-Insula, so long as they employ'd them to be the Instruments of their Tyranny over their Fellow-Subjects, until such time as the Emperor Idololatro prefer'd the Rapparees of Ausonia before them: Whereas on the other hand the Philopatrians, whom the other Party call'd by the opprobrious name of Levellers, kept always true to the Constitution, for which they were persecuted by the

the Emperors and the Rapparees. Idololatry being thus forc'd from his Throne, the Prince of Auromalia summon'd together an Assembly of the Gerontes, to consider what was fit to be done in such an extraordinary Conjunction. In the mean time the Rapparees perceiving that things had gone further than they intended at first, and being jealous that the Prince of Auromalia, who had been educated in the Religion of Geneviaca, and in the Politicks of Aristocrasia, would not continue to employ them as they had been formerly in the chief Posts of Grand-Insula, and that he would endeavour an Union of Eglisia, and Geneviaca, they did all that they could to hinder his Advancements to the Throne, and for that end reviv'd the Principles they had formerly abandon'd, viz. That 'twas unlawful for them to resist and dethrone their Emperor on any pretence whatever; that therefore he ought to be recall'd and a Regency appointed to take care of the Rights of Eglisia, that they might be no more invaded by those of Ausonia. But the Philopatrians knowing very well that their Design was only to engross all the Power into their own hands again, by which the true Friends of Eglisia, and those of Geneviaca had smarted so severely, they carry'd it against them, and after drawing up the several Articles of Idololatry's Misgovernment, they concluded with a Resolve, That his Throne was vacant, and that he had lost all Right to the Empire of Grand-Insula. After this, they set their Deliverer the Prince of Auromalia and his Princess upon the Throne; and in case of her Death without issue, settled the Reversion on her Sister and hers, after the Death of the Prince of Auromalia, who was to enjoy it during Life. The Rapparees of Eglisia being thus disappointed, they became sworn Enemies to the Emperor Auromalia and his Princess, as well as to the Philopatrians; they divided however into two parties, one of whom made a separation both from Eglisia and the Empire, would not swear to the Emperor, and Empress, nor have any Communion with those of Eglisia, who submitted to them. The other party acted just the reverse, for none were more forward to comply in both Respects than they. Some pleas'd themselves with a Distinction, that it was lawful to comply with one who was Emperor de facto, tho' he had no Title to the Throne de jure; but the Chief of 'em did it with a Design to under-

mine the Empire and Eglisia, whilst others of a lower form did it that they might be capable of advantageous Posts. This created a terrible Faction both in Eglisia and the Empire, where the Parties distinguished themselves by the Epithets of High and Low; the former were join'd by the Ausonian and Non-jurorist Rapparees, and the other by those of Genevica. The division spread thro' the whole State, and got in among the Girontes, where the Rapparees gave the Emperor all the Disturbance they cou'd in the prosecution of his just war against the Emperor of Ludovisia, who had openly espous'd the Cause of the dethron'd Idololatro with whom he had formerly entred into a League to subvert Eglisia and Genevica, both in Grand-Insula, and in Continencia, in order to establish the Emperor of Ludovisia's despotical Sway over the latter, and Idololatro's over the former. To this end the Emperor of Ludovisia supply'd Idololatro with Troops to recover the Empire of Grand-Insula, but without effect, all his designs being defeated by the superior Genius and Courage of the Emperor Auromalia. The Rapparees being thus again disappointed, the chief of 'em entred into a Plot with the Emperor of Ludovisia, and Idololatro, to murder the Emperor Auromalia and his Empress, and at the same time to invade Grand-Insula; but this was discover'd, several of the Rapparees hang'd for it. Auromalia's Fleet under the Conduct of a Philopatrian, defeated and burnt that of Ludovisia, and disappointed Idololatro's Invasion. This prov'd a mortifying Blow to the Rapparees and Ausonians, oblig'd them to lay aside their violent Designs, and to have recourse to fraud and cunning; for perceiving no hopes of succeeding against Auromalia by force, they attempted him by Treachery. To accomplish their Design they had recourse to their old Topicks, by which they had got into the favour of the Tyrannical Emperors perwaded him that their Party was the only true Friends to the Emperor's Prerogative and that the Philopatrians were Enemies to all imperial Government, and Levellers by Principle. They had been join'd before in the meeting of the Girontes, by several Apostate Philopatrians, who not receiving the Rewards they expected from the Emperor, were sow'd in their Temper, and concur'd with the Rapparees in every thing that might cross him. By this means their party being strengthen'd,

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their Insinuations abovemention'd had the more Influence upon the Emperor who thereupon put the Administration into their Hands, hoping by that means to bring them intirely to his Interest. One of these Apostate Philopatrians, who had a main hand in making the Emperor uneasie, had formerly acquir'd a great reputation for Learning, Parts and Loyalty to the Constitution, but he was much disgusted with the Emperor, who, as he thought did not only neglect his Merit, but had oppos'd his being one of the Geronies, having some way or other been let into his Character. This Gentleman from a topping Philopatrian, became a General of the Rapparees, who esteem'd him for his Intrigues, tho' they were jealous of his Principles and Education. To convince them therefore of his being sincerely in their Interest, he drew several other Philopatrians into the same Apostacy with himself, and concur'd in all the Measures of the Rapparees, outwardly at least; for he was so dextrous that it seem'd always to be his principal design to secure himself a Retreat with either Party, in case he should have occasion for it, which both being sensible of, they agree'd as it were by common consent to give him the Name of Epiboulus Astutus, so that his proper name become an appellative, to signify one that wou'd circumvent another. In this state of affairs, every thing went wrong in the Emperor's hand, he being unhappily perswaded to disoblige his real Friends, when 'twas utterly impossible for him to bring the Rapparees into the true Interest of the Empire on which his own was founded. The Philopatrians could do little else but sigh and pray for him, while he found himself under a cruel necessity to patch up a Peace with the Emperor of Ludovisha, the best way he cou'd, which was no wise pleasing nor advantageous, to his honest Subjects of Grand Insula. He saw his mistake when too late, and endeavour'd to have rescu'd himself from the Hands of his treacherous Enemies the Rapparees, and to have put the Administration wholly into the hands of the Philopatrians, but Death prevented him.

'Tis necessary here to look back a little before we come to the Reign of his Successor Heroïna. The Rapparees being as we said before, irreconcilable Enemies to the Emperor Auromalia and her Empire, they did what they cou'd to create a Difference betwixt

him, his Empress, and Heronia, and endeavour'd to persuade the latter that she was injur'd by Auromalia's being prefer'd before her in the Entail of the Crown; This occasion'd a jealousy over which we chuse to draw a Vail. This Rapparee Plot was defeated however by the goodness of the Empress Maria, and the Wisdom of the Emperor Auromalia, who cherish'd Heronia's Son, and shew'd all the respect to her self, which was due to one who had the Legal Expectancy of so great a Reversion as the Empire of Grand-Insula. The Empress died in the mean time, Heaven thinking her too great a Blessing to be continu'd among so ungrateful a People. 'twas not long till she was follow'd by Heronia's Son into the Regions of Bliss, which prov'd two fatal Strokes to the security of the Peace and Liberties of Grand-Insula, and were universally regretted by the People; but amidst this publick Grief the Rapparees indulg'd their malicious Resentments, and endeavour'd what they could to raise Animosities in Heroina, against the Emperor Auromalia, as keeping her out of her Right; this Difficulty was surmounted however by the Prudence of the one, and goodness of the other, so that the Rapparees fail'd in this Plot as they had done in all the rest: Thus Auromalia continu'd in Possession to the day of his Death with Heroina's consent, which seem'd to have bury'd the slavish Principle they call'd Jus hæreditarium indefesibile, and his Companion Nulla Resistencia, without any sure and certain hopes of a Resurrection; and to prevent Grand-Insula's being haunted by the Ghosts of those troublesome Criminals in time to come, and that it shou'd not be in the power of Ludovisia, and Don Diego Impostore, to frighten the Nation by such apparitions any more; the Emperor Auromalia just before his Death procur'd a Law by the Geronte's, that after the Decease of Heroina without Issue, the Reversion of the Empire should descend to the next Heir in the Faith of Eglistia, with the perpetual Exclusion of the nearest in Blood that were of the same opinion with the Musti of Ausonia.

This the Rapparees did in all Conversation openly condemn as a cursed Legacy left the Nation by the Emperor Auromalia, but Heroina succeeding, according to the Laws made upon Idololatro's Dethronement, they were not able to bring their Designs to bear for setting Don Diego Impostore upon the Throne.

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The next thing therefore they had Recourſe to, was to load the Memory of Auromalia with all the Reproaches they could, and they endeavour'd to poſſeſs the Minds of the people with an Opinion, that he had formed a Deſign to ſet aſide the Succeſſion of Heroïna, and to bring the Family of Mumlandia, who were lineally deſcended from Jago Vulpecius immediately to the Throne. The Rapparees ſpread this Calumny with ſo much Induſtry that the Amphyctiones, the moſt eminent Part of the Gerontes took it into Conſideration, appointed by ſome of their own Number to examine Auromalia's Papers, to ſee if there was any ſuch thing and finding it to be a groundleſs Calumny, they declared, in Conjunction with Heroïna, that it was falſe, villainous, and ſcandalous, to the Diſhonour of the late Emperor's Memory, and to the Diſſervice of the preſent Empreſs; and order'd the Authors or Publiſhers of that or ſuch like Reports, to be proſecuted according to Law. This Deſign of the Rapparees being likewise defeated, they had Recourſe again to their old Engine of ſuggeſting the Empire to be in Danger by Ariſtocratiſms, the Genevianſms and Eutaſtegliſms, whom they repreſented to the Empreſs as Levellers and enemies to her Prerogative. In this they had too much ſucceſs, which prevail'd upon the Empreſs to turn out the Philopatrians, and to take the Rapparees into her Adminiſtration, in all which Aſtutus Epiboulius had the main hand, for power and Riches he wanted, and muſt have 'em at any rate.

The Rapparees thought themſelves now ſure of every thing; they went on to aſperſe the Memory of Auromalia and all his Friends, ador'd the very Beaſt from which he received a Fall that haſten'd his Exit, and treated him as an Uſurper, in order to make void all the Laws that had been enacted during his Reign. There remained nothing for them to do, but to get an Aſſembly of the Gerontes of their own Stamp, in order to overturn every thing that had been done ſince the Dethronement of Idololatro, whoſe Auſonian and Rapparee Friends were ſo elevated with hopes of Succeſs, that one of them boldly dedicated a Book to  
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the Empress and the Gerontes, wherein he asserted the Title of Don Diego Impostore, whom he called her Brother, and advis'd her to keep the Throne for him in exclusion of the Line of Mumlandia. This pass'd not only without a Reproof, but the Treasonable Author was rewarded. In the mean time the Rapparee Gerontes not thinking it safe to appear openly for Impostore, they were resolv'd for time to come, so to model the Senate, that no Geneviacan or Eutaetegliian should henceforward be an Elector for it, admitted to it, or to any post of power and profit in the Empire of Grand-Insula, and to this end they propos'd a Law for three Years successively, which was as often rejected by the Amphyctiones, and the whole Empire became to uneasie under this Rapparee Management, that the Empress thought fit to change Hands again, to turn out most of the Rapparees, and to take the Philopatrians into the Administration. Astutus Epiboulus continu'd however in his Post, and endeavour'd like a Mole to undermine both the Philopatrians, and the Constitution of Grand-Insula. There were two great Men which stood in his Way, the one call'd Gazophilacius, the other Strategomacarius, because of their successful care for the Nation, whom the factious Epibolus did all he could to get both of 'em turn'd out by the Interest of Alectia, but without effect, the Empress being too sensible of the Merits of those two great Persons to listen to any such Advice. In the mean time the Amphyctiones being aware of Epiboulus's Artifice; they enquir'd a little into his Conduct, and finding there was reason to suspect that he had an underhand Correspondence with the Emperor of Ludovisia, and Impostore; they found, upon enquiry, that there was too good Ground for the suspicion, as appears by the Papers which they order'd to be publish'd on that Head, and by an extraordinary Tendresse which he discover'd for a beautiful Alopecia that was employ'd as an emissary betwixt Ludovisia, and Grand-Insula, for which she was taken up, but rescu'd by his Dexterity; notwithstanding all this, Epiboulus found means by Alectia, to screen himself from the punishment

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he deserv'd, and by Colmanizing one of his inconsiderable Grammatista's, who kept a Correspondence with Ludovisia, came off without any other Loss than that of his Post.

'Tis very observable, that at the very Time while *Epiboulus* was endeavouring to undermine *Gazophilacius*, and *Strategomacarius*, the Emperor of Ludovisia, sent Impostore with a Force to Invade Grand-Insula, and to dethrone the Empress; which being taken Notice of by the Amphictyones, they address'd Heroina against *Alectia*, who had been the principal Tool in the Hand of *Epiboulus*, to carry on his pernicious Designs. These proceedings of the Amphictyones, with the Zeal of the other Gerontes against Impostore, and the turning out of his Friends, made the intended Invasion of no effect; which once more disappointed the blooming Hopes of the Rapparees. They had so much Interest notwithstanding by means of *Alectia* and *Haughteglisia*, as to ward off the punishment which so traitorous a Conspiracy deserv'd, and to preserve those from the Gallows, who were actually taken in Rebellion. This gave them time to recover their Breath, and to renew their Plots against the Empress of Grand-Insula, and the Succession of the House of Mumlandia. Finding that all their forcible attempts were disappointed, and that there was no possibility for them to succeed by any other way than possessing the People and the Empress with an Opinion that *Eglisia* was, in Danger. *Epiboulus*, who from being a seemingly zealous Geneviacan and a Philopatrian, was now, become their sworn Enemy because they had found him out, advis'd the Rapparees to search their Gymnasii and *Haughteglisia* for the most daring and impudent Tongue-Pads to sound an alarm thro' the Nation, that the Philopatrians had a Design to dethrone the Empress, to overturn *Basileia* and *Eglisia*, and to set up in their stead *Aristocrata* and *Geneviaca*, under the Protectorship of *Strategomacarius*.

The Party having thus fitted themselves according to *Epiboulus's* Advice with *Haughteglesian* Firebrands to inflame the Nation; some of 'em by means of *Alectia*, were introduced to the Empress's Presence, and in her Hearing advanced

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ced the slavish Doctrines of Hautegliseia, in order to frighten Heroína with the Ghosts of Jus hereditarium indefesibile, and Nulla Resistencia, of which by the Incantments above-mention'd they had procur'd a Resurrection, in order, as they give out, to rescue Egliseia from Danger, tho' the Empress with her Amphyctiones and Gerontes, had solemnly declar'd Egliseia not to be in Danger, but in a very flourishing Condition; and that those who suggested the contrary were Enemies to the Empress Egliseia, and Grand-Insula. The Revival of these groundless Calumnies occasion'd several of the Philopatrians, and particularly those of Eutacteglisia to write against them, and confute them with unanswerable Arguments, which the Hautegliseians being sensible of, and despairing to maintain their Cause by Reason, they betook themselves to Railing, reproach'd the Philopatrians from the Press and Pulpit, and what they wanted in Logick made up with Billingsgate, wherein they had the Assistance of the Auforians, and all the Nonjurant Rapparees.

This new Method had a greater effect than cou'd well have been imagin'd. upon the Minds of a People who had been formerly noted, to be more zealous than their Neighbours, for Religion and Liberty; but though the Operation was speedy, 'twas not quick enough or the Expectations of the Rapparees; for they saw their Hopes were all like to be defeated by the victorious Arms of the Empress, which under the Conduct of Strategomacarius crown'd every Campaign with new Victories, and the Conquests of Towns and Provinces.

This inspir'd them with a Panick Fear, that the Emperor of Ludovisia wou'd be reduc'd so low, as not to be able to support, and make good the Pretensions of their beloved Impostore; therefore they made it their Business to stop the Progress of Strategomacarius's Arms, by suggesting maliciously to the Empress, that he aim'd at no less than her Crown, by the Interest of the Philopatrians; that he prolong'd the War, on purpose to enrich himself and his Friends, who had the Management of the publick Money; and that his near Relation and chief Friend Gazophylacius misap-

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ply'd the Treasure of Grand-Insula, starv'd every Cause but that of Strategomacarius, who, together with himself laid up immense Sums, in order to accomplish their ambitious and treasonable Purposes. At the same time they endeavour'd to create Jealousies in the Empress of Strategomacarius's Lady, who for many Years had been her favourite and faithful Servant, and labour'd with great Industry to ruin her in the good Opinion of the Empress's. Alestia, whom this Lady had introduc'd into the Empress's Service, upon a fatal Mistake of her Gratitude and other Qualifications, was the Instrument they made use of to supplant her Patroness, by whose means she had arriv'd to a more than ordinary Degree of the Empress's Favour. Alestia willing to raise her self at the Expence of this Lady's Reputation, tho' she ow'd her Bread to her, did greedily imbibe, and exactly follow the Instructions of Epiboulus, to serve the Interest of Impostore and the Rappatees; or more properly speaking, to gratify his own Passions, which he always preferred to every thing else. By this means the Haute-glifians came gradually to grow in favour with the Empress, and seem'd very confident of being able to carry their point; but Gazophylacius's Care and Strategomacarius's continu'd Success, still spoiling their Measures, they consulted together on the best Methods to stop his Progress, and cou'd think on none more effectual than this, that the Emperor of Ludovisia shou'd send Ambassadors to the Court of Septem Choranea, and propose a Peace on seemingly reasonable Terms (but couch'd in fraudulent Expressions) to the Empress and her Allies, while they in the mean time wou'd endeavour to encline her to accept his Proposals; and if the Philopatrians oppos'd it, they wou'd improve the Opportunity, to perswade her that they did it in Concert with the two great Men abovemention'd, on purpose to fill their own Coffers, and to ruin her Army by hazardous Battles, and dangerous Sieges, that she might have no veteran Troops to oppose them, when their Design for seizing her Crown was brought to Maturity: at the same time they took Care to spread these malicious Suggestions thro' all the Territories of Grand-Insula, in order to poison the Minds of the

the people, and to inflame them with Rage against the Philopatrians, who had no other Design in continuing on the War, but that they might disable the Emperor of Ludovisia from being in a Condition to pursue his Aim at universal Empire, and from forcing Impostore upon themselves, to the manifest overthrow of their Religion and Liberties. The Emperor of Ludovisia sent his Ambassadors to Septem-choranea, with Instructions according to this Advice, on purpose to render the Empress and her Allies secure, and in order to gain time for retrieving the ill State of his own Affairs, his Country being visited with Famine and contagious Distempers at the same time, when the Empress and her Allies were daily gaining ground upon him, had enter'd his Provinces, and laid several of 'em under Contribution. While the Emperor of Ludovisia chanc'd thus with the Confederates, Epiboulus and his trusty Friends in Grand-Insula, got Mitrato Exoniaco to make a Hauteoglisian Discourse before the Empress, by which he struck at the very Foundation of her Government and Title, and advanc'd such Doctrines, as manifestly tended to persuade her that Idololatry was unjustly Dethron'd, and Impostore as unjustly kept out of his Right of Succession. The good Empress, who measur'd other people's Sincerity by her own, not perceiving the Drift of that seditious Harangue, but conceiving that 'twas only designed to persuade her Subjects to the general Duty of Obedience to her self, was easily prevail'd on to give her Authority for its publication, which was improv'd by Epiboulus, and the rest of the Faction, to encourage all the Mandrites of Hauteoglisia to proceed in the same manner thro' the Nation, since now they might be sure that the Empress was fully of their Sentiments. This provok'd an Euracteglisian to answer Mitrato's Discourse with very great Smartness and Judgment, wherein he laid open all the Fallacies and dangerous Consequences of his Arguments with a great deal of Life and Spirit, which renew'd this Paper and Pulpit War betwixt the Philopatrians and Rapparees with greater Fury than ever: The Hauteoglisians had visibly the Disadvantage, but gain'd ground notwithstanding upon the

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deluded People, by the Confidence they express'd of the Empress's Favour. Nothing could happen more opportunely for reviving the dropping Spirits of the Emperor of Ludovisia and his Subjects, or of Impostore and his Adherents; for that Emperor perceiving that the Hauteclisians were so successful in raising Divisions in Grand-Insula, it embolden'd him to insist upon unreasonable Terms of Peace, so that he would by no means agree to restore the Empire of Boetica to the Family of Ostenrithia, from whom he had usurped it, in favour of his Grandson. This occasion'd the breaking off of the Treaty, which was improv'd by the Rapparees against the Philopatrians, as having proceeded from their Intrigues to continue the War for their own Advantage. Yet every body else but the Hauteclisians were very well satisfied, that the Emperor of Ludovisia chican'd, and that his Proposals did not come any thing near the Terms, without which the Empress and her Gerontes had again and again declar'd they would never make Peace with Ludovisia.

In the mean Time Strategomacarius, whom the Empress employ'd as Plenipotentiary for the Treaty, as well as General to command her Armies, being provok'd with this Ludovisian Chicanery, he push'd on the War with Vigor, took several of their strongest Towns, and defeated their Army in a bloody Battle, at a vast Disadvantage. The malicious Rapparees were so far from being put to the Blush by this Great Man's Sincerity, by his indefatigable Industry, and by exposing himself to all Dangers, that on the contrary they improv'd them to his Disadvantage, and because the Victory, tho' very glorious, was Bloody, they charg'd him with having needlessly expos'd the Empress's Troops to unsurmountable Dangers, in order to ruin them, for the Purposes above-mention'd: However the Event has shew'd the Ludovisians to be so much dispirited by the great loss they sustain'd in that Battle, and so terribly afraid of the superior Courage of Strategomacarius and his Troops, that they have never since offer'd to venture another Engagement with him. The Hauteclisians being more and more afraid, as indeed they had very good reason, that his Courage and

Conduct, and the wise Management of the Philopatrians in the Empress's Service wou'd undo them, they renew'd their Attempts against them with greater Fury than ever, continu'd to instill Jealousies in the Mind of the Empress, and every where sounded an Alarm thro' the Nation by their Hauteaglian Mandrills, That the Empress and Eglisia were in the utmost Danger by the Phylopatrians, and the Ministry of their Principles. Among others, they pick'd out a Hauteaglian Priest, call'd Don Enrico Maniaco, a Fellow of superlative Impudence, to make a seditious Harangue in the Metropolis of Grand Insula, before Senior Stolido Outid no the Consul, a sworn Friend to Hauteaglian, Ausonia, Ludovisia, and Impostore. This Consul gave Maniaco Authority to publish his frantick Discourse under the Patronage of his Name, for to say the Truth, a fitter Patron was not to be found throughout Grand-Insula. This Harangue being an ill digested piece of Rhapsody, collected out of all the Malicious Libels that had ever been published against the Philopatrians, Eutacteglians, and Geniviicans, was industriously handed all over the Empire by the Hauteaglians, on purpose to raise a Rebellion against the Empress, if she wou'd not turn out her Philopatrian Ministry, and put Rapparees in their Place, by whose Assistance they might pave the way for bringing Impostore to the Throne.

*In the mean time the Success of Strategomacharius had so far humbled the Emperor of Ludovisa as to make him beg leave once more to send his Plenipotentiaries to Septem choranea to treat of a Peace in good earnest. The Rapparees being Mortally afraid that the ill posture of that Tyrant's Affairs wou'd oblige him to consult his own Security, and to drop them and their beloved Impostore, they sent him Advice from time to time of the Success they had by raising Divisions in Grand-Insula, and therefore intreated him not to conclude a Peace too hastily, for they could assure him, that by pursuing the Directions concerted betwixt his Court and that of Impostore, they should be able to break the measures of the Confederacy, to leave his Grandson in full Possession of the Empire of Bœtica, and enable him to set Impostore on the Throne, in spite of all the Philopatrians could do to prevent*

it. This had the design'd Effect; for the Emperor knowing that their own Security would oblige them to keep touch with him if they cou'd, he continu'd his Plenipotentiarius in Septem choranea to amuse the Empress and her Confederates, and to gain time to see whether the Rapparees, Ausonians, and Hautezglians in Grand-Insula, would be able to perform their promise.

The Campaign being over, and the Gerontes of Grand-Insula assembled, the Philopatrians were sensible that the Hautezglians carry'd on the Interest of Impostore, by the Doctrine and Libels which they spread thro' Grand-Insula, and therefore they thought fit to call their furious Antesignanus Enrico Maniaco to an account for his Harangue, not that they thought the Man worth their Notice, but because they knew him to be employ'd by the Faction of Ludovissa and Impostore to inflame the minds of the People against the Government, there not being a Hautezglian Mandrit in the Island of a more prostitute Conscience, a softer Brain, and a harder Forehead than himself; besides being a sworn Devote to Venus and Bacchus. They knew that all the Non-Resisting Ladies and Hautezglian Rakes, esteem'd his Doctrine for the sake of his Person, as well as of his Principles, and endeavour'd to propagate it all they cou'd.

Maniaco, when call'd before the Gerontes, was drop'd by his Patron Senior Stolido, who disown'd he had given him his Authority to publish his Stygian Harangue, which smell'd so strong of Brimstone, that every one, but those of the Faction understood it to be the Composition of a swarm of Locusts, that had been rain'd from the Bottomless Pit, by the Ausonian and Hautezglian Enchantments, on purpose to infect Grand-Insula with a Spirit of Division and Fury.

Mighty Endeavours were us'd to prevent Maniaco's being brought to his Tryal, because the Hautezglians knew 'twould bring the censure of the Gerontes upon the Doctrine they had advanc'd, in order to set Impostore on the Throne, who in Gratitude had promis'd to give them all the Posts in the Empire, and to make Hautezglian as independent upon the Crown as her Mother Ausonia, and to restore them all the Lands that had formerly belong'd to the Musii and his Shavelings. But all their endeavours were to no purpose, for neither their Threats nor their Promises

Promises were regarded by the majority of the Gerontes, who were staunch Philopatrians. They proceeded therefore to try Maniaco in a solemn manner, for Libelling the memory of the Emperor Auromalia, for casting odious Reflections upon him, and those who join'd him in Rescuing Grand-Insula from the Tyranny of Ludovisa, and the Idolatry of Ausonia, and for blackening and Condemning the means by which that Delivery, and the De-thronement of Don Diego Idolatry were effected. They charg'd him likewise with Libelling the Administration, of the Empress, and her Philopatrian Ministers, for accusing the Superior and Inferior Pastors of Hauteeglisa, as false Brethren, and Enemies to the Empress, to Gods, to Eglisa, and Grand Insula, and for seditiously attacking the Liberty of Worship which the Legislature had granted to the Geneviacans, the better to unite all those who were of the same Faith with Eglisa, and to strengthen the bands of the Empress of Grand-Insula, against the Violence and Intrigues of the Emperor of Ludovisa and Impostore. It being evident that Maniaco was prompted to do all this in order to raise a Rebellion, the Gerontes went on with his Tryal. The Hauteeglisians were glad of the Opportunity, tho' they dreaded the Issue of the process, to raise a ferment among the People, and therefore gave out with the greatest Impudence, that the Design of the Philopatrians to ruin Eglisa, and to pull down the Privilege of the Empress, did now plainly appear above-board, since the Philopatrians had the boldness to attack Enrico, for maintaining those Doctrines, which were the principal support of the Throne and Eglisa. They assisted Enrico, and others, to Write and Publish Libels against the Gerontes, and were very liberal of their own and the Ludovisian Money, to raise Mobbs, and interrupt the legal Proceedings against him. The Hauteeglisians of Impostore's Faction, having always a parcel of the late Idolatry's Officers, with others from Ludovisa, ready in Pay for such Emergencies, they sent them out in Disguise, with a hired Rabble to attend Maniaco to his Tryal, and to take all opportunities to raise Tumults in the Streets. A Hauteeglisian, who from an Usurer and a Grammarian, was become a Chevalier, furnish'd Maniaco with Coaches and Horses, to carry himself and some



some other rapparee mandrills that were to assist him, in great  
 State to the Assembly of the Girones, where Maniaco behav'd  
 himself with all the Impudence that Wine, Women, Money, and  
 the secret Assurance of being brought off without Damage cou'd  
 inspire into him, and was buzz'd too and fro from his Tryal  
 by the Rascally Mobb that was hir'd for Money, or procur'd by  
 the Interest of the Ausonians and Haute-glissians. Having proceed-  
 ed thus for some time without Opposition, they were emboldned  
 to go further, and one Evening after they had attended Maniaco  
 back from his Tryal, they sent out their Mobb under the Leaders  
 abovemention'd, to insult the Gerontes as they went home from  
 the Senate House, and to burn and pull down the Temples of the  
 Genevians and Eusagglissians. Among those who rais'd this  
 Rebellious Mobb, the Clerk of a Chevalier call'd Ansideia, who  
 tho' he be since advanc'd, is not yet rais'd so high as his merit,  
 was one of the most forward. They proceeded with great Fury,  
 destroy'd several of the abovemention'd Temples, assaulted many  
 of the Gerontes in the Streets, and threaten'd to burn their Houses,  
 which, together with the Repostorium Del Banco, that supports  
 the Credit of Grand-Insula, they intended to have destroy'd;  
 but were happily prevented, chiefly by the Care and Zeal of one  
 of the Amphyctiones, a near Relation to Strategomacharius, and  
 in a great Post under the Empress, who order'd a party of Her  
 Guards to disperse the Mobb, which they did with great Cou-  
 rage and Speed. This Opposition soon quell'd the Courage of  
 the Haute-glissians, who found there was nothing to be done by  
 Arms, while the Philopatrians had so much Power in the State:  
 Therefore they forbore any more such Exploits, tho' they took care  
 not only to keep up, but to encrease the Ferment in the minds  
 of their deluded followers. When the Gerontes met next day,  
 they resolv'd on an Address to the Empress, to make use of her  
 Authority, to prevent such Tumults for time to come, and to issue  
 a Royal Proclamation, to signify to the Subjects, that the Aus-  
 onians, Non-Furant Haute-glissians, and other Enemies to her Per-  
 son and Government, had rais'd a Rebellion to interrupt the Le-  
 gal Proceedings of the Gerontes against Maniaco, forbidding  
 any Persons on severe Penalties to do the like in time to come.

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and offering a Reward to those who shou'd discover the Fomenters of the late Rebellion. The Hauteglisians in the assembly, being secretly encourag'd by Epiboulus and the Chevalier Anai-deia abovementioned, &c. They had the boldness to oppose this Address, and thought to have thrown it out, by getting the Aristocrateians incerted in it as encouragers of the Rebellion; but 'twas carry'd against them, and their amendment, rejected with scorn, because the Philopatrians are for no such Form of Government, tho' it be maliciously objected against them.

A Proclamation was accordingly publish'd, which with raising the Military Force of the Metropolis, put an end to the like violent attempts there, and the Gerontes went on with the Tryal of Maniaco. But tho' the Rapparees receiv'd this mortifying check, they did not lose Courage, being supported under-hand by Epiboulus, Alestia, &c. so that they went on to raise the like Tumults in several places of Grand-Insula, where the Ausonians and Hauteglisians declar'd boldly against the Tryal of Maniaco, cry'd him up as the Champion of Eglisia, and their Leaders in the Country had Letters from those in the Metropolis, assuring them that they might do it without any Danger, and shou'd be justify'd in it.

The e Things, with the Seditious Harangues of the Hauteglisian Mandrits, who perswaded cheir ignorant Auditors, that Hauteglisia and Basilcia were in danger, increas'd the fury of the Rabble, so that every Post brought News from the Country of the Outrages and Insults they committed upon the Philopatrians: They poor People did not expect this, and were no wise provided against it, but cou'd easily have quell'd them had they not thought themselves secure under the protection of the Law, and been resolv'd to shew better example than to usurp any part of the Executive power. The Hauteglisians knew how to improve this different Conduct of the two Parties to their own Advantage. Epiboulus took Care by means of Alestia, to represent the Outrages of his Hauteglisian Friends in Town and Coun-

Country as the effect of their Courage and Numbers, and the peaceable Behaviour of the Philopatrians, as that of their Weakness and Fear. This he did in order to possess the Empress with an Opinion, that 'twas not safe for her to disoblige the former for the sake of the latter; and thus left his Insinuations to Operate like some sort of Poisons, which tho' they be slow are sure.

In the mean time the Philopatrians trusting to the goodness of their Cause, the Uprightness of the Empress, and their own Sincerity, went on with the Tryal of Maniaco, allow'd him to make all the defence he cou'd, and having fully prov'd their Charge, permitted him to speak for himself, which he did with such a mixture of Impudence, Falshood and Perjury, as could proceed from the Mouth of none but an Infernal Locust; he forswore the Facts which were fully prov'd from his own Writings to be true; Pretended a mighty Zeal for the Empress, tho' he had been known to Condemn her as an Usurpress, deny'd that such and such Articles were pointed against her Ministry, tho' he had own'd the contrary to several who heard him; he forswore his being in Impostore's Interest, tho' he had been frequently known to have drunk his Health; he deny'd that he reflected on Auromalia, tho' he had openly wish'd he might be tore to pieces, he would not own that he reflected on the Superior Pastors of Eglisia, tho' he condemn'd them in his Writings as false Brethren, because they did not Anathematize the Geneviacans, and with the like Assurance he forswore his condemning the Liberty granted to them by Law, tho' he had expressly asserted the Legislative Power to deserve a double Load of Damnation for having granted it.

This Behaviour of Maniaco, as it convinc'd the Philopatrians that he was the most worthless and impudent Tool ever made use of by a Party, it rais'd him in the esteem of the Rapparees and Ausonians as one of the most useful Instruments that Grand-Insula cou'd furnish for the Works of Darkness they had in hand. Therefore in Order to

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save him if possible from the punishment due to his Crimes, they rais'd many trifling Objections in point of Law against his Tryal; besides which they made use both of Promises and Threats to influence the Amphyctiones in passing their Sentence upon him.

They wou'd willingly have had him acquitted, but that proving in vain, they obtain'd so much Interest by means of Epiboulus and Alecia, as prevail'd with many of the Amphyctiones who cou'd not acquit him, to solicit for a moderate Sentence against him. Upon this the Rapparees triumph'd all over the Kingdom, ascrib'd it to the Fear and Weakness of the Philopatrians, and to their own Number, Strength and Interest; by which the Hauteglisian Mandrits, and Impostore's Faction, became more insolent than ever. The Philopatrians thinking they had done enough by this Tryal and Censure, to prevent the like Insults upon the Constitution in time to come, and perhaps being deluded by their too great Confidence in the Goodness of their Cause, and the promises of those who were chiefly concern'd to support it, they neglected to take such precautions as were necessary to clear Eglisia, the Gymnasia and the Posts of Grand-Insula from Impostore's Friends, and to enact such positive Laws; with proportionable Penalties, as might deter the Hauteglisians from the like seditious practices. Thus after finishing the Business that remain'd for the support of the War, the Assembly of the Gerontes was dismiss'd, and thank'd by the Empress for their Zeal and Affection, and particularly for their proceedings against Maniaco, which she approv'd as necessary. The Hauteglisians were not content with their Success in bringing off Maniaco so easily, because they knew, that tho' the Penalty was light, the Censure lay heavy upon their Conduct and Principles; therefore they resolv'd at any rate to ease themselves of that intolerable Grievance, and to revive those slavish Principles which were so necessary to introduce Impostore with Ludovisian Politicks, and the Ausonian Religion, and at the same time to bury the Gerontes with as much unjust Reproach as they had done their beloved Doctrine with just Contempt. In



In order to prepare Heroïna for this, they had before hand engag'd the Mitrato's and Mandrits of Hautegliseia, and all their Adherents and Rapparees to address Heroïna with mighty protestations of Loyalty to her person and Government, and at the same time to assert their lately condemn'd principles as the Doctrine of Egliseia and the Apostles, and to be the fundamental Laws of Grand-Insula, without which the Empress and her Monarchy could not be safe. They had Instructions likewise from Epiboulus, who was always as great a Master at double Entendres as practices, to reflect upon the Gerontes and Philopatrians as being in a plot to overturn Egliseia and Basileia, of which they alledged their condemning the above-mention'd principles was an evident proof. They were further instructed to prevent the Discovery of their Design by the people of Grand-Insula, to pretend an extraordinary Zeal for the Succession of the House of Mumlandia, but to keep their Interest with Impostore; they were to declare in the same Breath for Non-resistance and Hereditary Right; That they might gull Egliseia, they were taught to profess an inviolable Zeal for her Legal Establishment, and an utter Aversion for all Schismaricks; and that they might not seem to revile the Legislature, for the Indulgence granted by Law, they were enjoin'd to express a tenderness for Consciences truly scrupulous. The Method of addressing being thus concerted by Epiboulus, and the other Leaders of the

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Hauteglisian, Models of 'em were dispatch'd to the Rapparice Mandrits and others thro' all the provinces of Grand-Insule.

The next thing to be done was to find out a proper person to break the Way, and the Gerontes were no sooner dismiss'd, but Don Stolido the Consul undertook that province, and with a parcel of Rapparices under his Influence, presented the first Samplar of this Nature to the Empress: He found easie Admittance by the Interest of Epiboulus and Alectia, and because of the Dignity of the Metropolis he represented. But the Empress not seeming to relish that sort of Compliment, because of the Dangerous Consequences that might attend them if call'd in question by the Gerontes, as others of the like Nature had formerly been; Epiboulus and his Friends thought it proper, for giving them the more Authority, to bring some Rapparices of distinction into great Offices about the Empress who might introduce them; for the Philopatrian Ministers, discountenanc'd all those Applications, because they struck at the Constitution, reflected on the Legislature, and were inconsistent with that Approbation, which the Empress had publickly given to the proceedings of the Gerontes against Manico. To this end they brought into the Empresses Service Hegemonius Versatilis, and Atsonian by Education, but had afterwards turn'd Eglisian, and professing himself to be a Zealous Philopatrian,

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 nius being a Patrician of an Ancient Family,  
 and having acquir'd Reputation by his parts and  
 early appearance against the Ludovisian poli-  
 tics and Aufonian Religion, he did in little  
 time obtain a very great Interest in Auroma-  
 lia's Favour, and was lookt upon to be one of  
 the chief of the Philopatrians; but being Dis-  
 gust'd some way or other, he soon return'd to  
 his changeable Humour, and tho' in a place of  
 the highest Trust under Auromalia, entred in-  
 to a Conspiracy, with others, to Dethrone him,  
 and conceal'd from him a plot, which several  
 Aufonian, and Hauteglisian Assassins had in-  
 gaged in to Murther him. This being disco-  
 ver'd, and Hegemonius justly suspected, he re-  
 tir'd, on pretence of his Health, to Ludovisia;  
 where he had a Conference with that Emperor  
 about Restoring Impostore, and the Religion  
 of Aufonia; which, to say the Truth, was much  
 better accommodated to his way of Living, than  
 the pure and undefiled Religion of Eglisia; but  
 matters not being then Ripe, Hegemonius Tra-  
 vell'd further to Aufonia, where he was easily  
 reconcil'd to his old way of Devotion, and to  
 rivet him in it, the Mandrits of Aufonia brought  
 him Acquainted with Donna Porneia, who soon  
 forced him to honour her with the Title of He-  
 gemonia. Sometime after Auromalias's Death,  
 those two persons Arriv'd in Grand-Infula, fully  
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instructed to carry on the Designs of Ludovisia, and Impostore, and being planted about the Empress by means of the Hauteglisians, Hegemonius was judg'd the properest person to introduce, and give Authority to that sort of Addresses, which afterwards grew so much in Vogue. With him the Hauteglisians join'd one of their own Bigots, Sunemperorus Desidamonius, as a fit Second; these Two, by the help of Archimitrato Boreius, who had a great sway with the Empress in matters relating to the other world, labour'd hard to prepare her for what was to follow. The next Person the Hauteglisians brought to act his part, was young Hegemonius Pornciopotics, who presented the Second Complement of that Nature, and behav'd himself with such Insolence, as plainly enough discover'd he was sure of being well seconded; and thus the humour of Addressing went on. The Philopatrians were surprized with this unexpected, and Impudent way of proceeding, and endeavouring to counter-act the Rapparees, by Applications of a contrary Nature, wherein they had so visible an Advantage both as to Truth, and Superiority of Genius, that the Hauteglisians found it necessary by Artifice to put a Stop to their Progress. The Philopatrians were unhappily betray'd into this Neglect by fraudulent Suggestions and promises, and by their Confidence in Heroina's being Proof against the Craft of her and her own Enemies.

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The Rapparees, who had all things prepar'd beforehand, improv'd this Neglect of the Philopatrians to their own Advantage, and doubling their Diligence, did, by Threats, Flattery and Money, procure such a Multitude of Addressees on their Side, as made the Empress believe that the far greater Part of her Subjects of Grand-insula were of their Mind; the Hauteclisians having also by the Assistance of Epiboulus and Alecia, and the crafty Insinuations of the Ausonian Hegemonia, perswaded Heroina that they were the only true Subjects, and the Philopatrians her Enemies; they were resolv'd to strike home and to put the Empress upon a change of her Eutacteglisian Ministry. This being a Matter of Difficulty, because the Empress had sufficient experience of their Fidelity and Ability, the Rapparees met with some Obstructions, which hindr'd the Project from being put in execution so soon as they desir'd; for these Disorders in Grand-Insula having put the Emperor of Ludovisia upon a breaking off his Treaties with the Empress and her Confederates once more, Heroina's Allies took the Alarm at it, represented to the Empress the Danger which those Changes might bring to the Common Cause, and the Encouragement which they would give to the Tyrant of Ludovisia, his Grandson the Usurper of Boetica, and her own Capital Enemy Impostore: This put the Empress to a stand for some time, and wou'd have put a final Stop to those

those intended Changes, had she been Mistress of her self, and not betray'd into the Hands of her Enemies, by Epiboulus, Aleetia, and Hegemonia. The Hauteglisians, being sensible that the Miscarriage of this Design would ruin their Affairs, they took all the Methods they could possible think on to prevent it, and prevail'd with the Empress first to turn out of her Service an eminent Philopatrian, a near Relation to Strategomacarius, and one to whose Zeal the suppressing of the Rebellion rais'd in Favour of Maniaco, was principally owing. This Change did very much alarm the Philopatrians, and gave such a Blow to the Credit of Grand-Intula, as it has not since been able to recover.

The Empress's Allies were likewise so much concern'd at it, that they renew'd their Applications against those proceedings, and in very pressing Terms remonstrated the Danger of 'em Heroina being mov'd with this, and with the Fall of the Nations Credit, was pleas'd graciously to promise, both to her Allies, and to several of the chief Citizens of her Metropolis, That there shou'd be no more Changes, and that she wou'd continue the same Gerontes. This renew'd the Confidence of the Philopatrians, who knew the good Temper, and Sincerity of the Empress; but alas! the good Lady was not so much Mistress of her self, as she reckon'd; for Epiboulus and his Friends knowing they must be ruin'd for having gone so far, if they did not go further, push'd

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 the Emperor of Ludovisia. The principal Ar-  
 gument the Hauteglisians made use of to bring  
 the Empress into those Measures, was to possess  
 her with an Opinion, That all the Subjects of  
 Grand-Insula, or at least, the far greatest Part  
 of 'em, were of their Side, and that she cou'd  
 not be safe except she concurr'd with them;  
 and in Order to fix her in this Opinion, they  
 not only went on with their Addresses as above-  
 mention'd, but sent Maniaco thro' a great part  
 of the Country, where the Rapparees, Aufonians,  
 and Hauteglisian Mandrits were before hand pre-  
 pared to give him a magnificent Reception,  
 and to attend him in a tumultuous Manner from  
 one place to another, in Order to strike Terror  
 into the *Philopatrians*, and to possess both Court  
 and Country with a mighty Opinion of the In-  
 terest and Power of Hauteglisia. But that in-  
 solent Mandrit behaving himself in such a man-  
 ner, as made both his Cause and person to stink  
 in the Nostrils of thinking Men, they thought  
 fit to recall him, lest his Impudence shou'd do  
 them more Hurt than Good; and after he had  
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finish'd his parade, they sent their Marius Hegemonious Porneius into other parts of the Country, to finish what Maniaco had begun.

The Hauteclisians having thus prepared Matters, and got the far greatest part of the Officers who return the Members of the Grand Synedrium, of their own Nomination, and having likewise prepar'd a great Number of the Electors by Bribes, Debauches, and other dishonourable Methods, they procur'd the old Synedrium to be dissolv'd, and a new one to be call'd. In this they had a mighty Advantage of the Philopatrians, who relying on Heroina's promises, and her Knowledge of her own true Interest, were not equally provided for such a Turn: Besides Epiboulins, according to his usual manner, had chican'd with them a considerable Time, and pretending to accommodate Matters, and only to demand a redressing of Grievances, he deluded not a few of the unthinking philopatrians into his Measures; whereas, on the other hand, the Hauteclisians being let into the Secret, doubled their Diligence, took all their precautions in time, brought over great Numbers of the Electors by their Rapparee Mandrits, and hir'd Rascally Mobbs, under the Conduct of Impstore's and Ludovisia's Officers in Disguise, to Insult the Philopatrian Candidates and their Adherents, to threaten their Dives, and to fill the Nation with Tumults.

In the mean time, when all these Measures were taking to carry on the Interest of Impstore in Grand-Insula, Epiboulins, in order to put a further

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Cheat upon the Nation, advis'd the sending a Philo-  
 patrian Apostate to the Court of Mumlandia, to  
 make them and the Nation believe that no prejudice  
 was intended to their Succession; that the Rapparees  
 were their firmest Friends, and the Philopatrians  
 their secret Enemies, being rather for Aristocratta  
 or Impostore, than for their Family. The Success of  
 this Message appears by the event not to have been  
 such with that wise Prince as the Haueglisians  
 thought it wou'd; so that now all their former pretences  
 of calling him over to command the Troops of  
 Grand Insula, or to give him some considerable post  
 in the Empreſs's Dominions are dropp'd, and the  
 Rapparees are visibly pursuing another Game: For  
 having by the Methods above-mentioned, procur'd a  
 Haueglisian and Ausonian Ministry, and most of  
 the Gerontes to be chosen out of the Rapparees, and  
 Impostore's known Friends, they seem now ready to  
 throw off the Disguise. This is much more visible  
 in Albania, where Epiboulins having, by means of  
 a late Affinity, obtain'd a great Interest among the  
 Friends of Ludovisia Impostore, he has discover'd the  
 Falshood of his pretences, by getting the far greater  
 part of the Amphyctiones from thence to be return'd  
 from among Impostore's known Adherents. Every  
 thing being thus concerted for advancing that Interest,  
 the Ausonians and Ludovisians are big with Expe-  
 ctations of having all things go to their Minds, and  
 some of them have been so free to their Confidants  
 of late, as to make their Boasts, That all things are  
 concerted for setting Impostore on the Throne, that

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they have Men Regimented on purpose thro' Grand-Insula, who are ready at a Call, and have their Office and places of Rendezvous appointed. They say that having now the Mobb on their Side, they will rise on a sudden upon a pretence of obtaining a further Security for Eglisia, to have the Laws which indulge the Schismatics, repeal'd; the Generviacans of Albania overturn'd; and being once got together, will, by Night, cut off the chief of the Philopatrians, of whose persons and habitations they have distinct Accounts: Upon this Impostore is to appear, will declare himself a Hauteglisian, and by that means ascend the Throne With the unanimous Consent of the Rapparees. To accomplish this bloody and traitorous Design, they have brought over Multitudes of Cut-throats from Potrationia, with a suitable proportion of Officers from Ludovisia; so that with the Ausonian and Hauteglisian Mobb they have list'd, the Appearance of the Ludovisian Fleet upon our Coast, and setting the Metropolis of Grand-Insula on Fire, they make no Doubt to succeed in the Enterprize; and by effecting an Union betwixt Hauteglisia and Ausonia, to which the Rapparees are so much inclin'd, they conclude they shall be able to secure their Interest for all time to come. This, Sir, is like to be the Result of the happy Change which Epibonius, Aleetia, with Hegmonius and his Mate, have brought about among us. God preserve the Emperess, Grand-Insula, and the Family of Mumlandia, from those Antichristian Designs.

I am SIR, yours,

P. S. By what's said above, you may easily judge whether *Grand-Insula* was more happy under the Quinquvirate of the Philopatrians, than 'tis like to be under the Triumvirate and Tritheleiarchat of the Rapparees.

*Hæ quota pars Scelerum quæ custes Gallicæ urbis  
Usq; a Lucifero donec Lex occidat audeat.*

Juvenal.

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By which it is seen, that the  
Venerable Order of the Knights  
of the Temple, in the Kingdom  
of France, is under the protection  
of the Crown of that Kingdom.

The King of France, in the year  
1564, having granted the Order  
the privilege of the same.



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